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Prior art references enclosed are:

(1) U.S. Patent No. 4,428,475, and

(2) Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 61-069604

(English abstract is attached).


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Applicant respectfully requests that the references disclosed  
be considered in the substantive examination of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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